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1. Operations in the following Polish uranium mines were inaugurated as indicated:

1949 - Kraysatka
Lubanka
Kowary
Miedzianka
Radkow
Kawienka Gora

1950 - Karpacz
Jesow

1951 - Chojnasty (near the former Hirschberg)
Janowice

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2. These mines lie near the Czechoslovak frontier in lower Silesia, and both the exploitation and guarding of these mines is the responsibility of the NVD. The area is closed to all unauthorized personnel including the Polish security personnel. Workers live in barracks and are allowed no contact with the local population. These workers are Germans, Hungarians and Greeks who are well paid for their labors, and Polish forced labor which is poorly paid and forced to live under bad conditions.
2. The ore, the production of which is estimated at 200,000 tons of unprocessed ore per annum yielding 4,000 tons of uranium ore, is poor. Most of the ore shipments are consigned to Dzierzanow for processing in a former flour mill which is surrounded by a wall and barbed wire and is well guarded by Soviet troops. The processed ore is then loaded into metal boxes and shipped first to Przemysl and then forwarded to Lvov-Kiyev (sic).*
4. The "Kosice" uranium mine, which has been in operation for about one year, was shut down in September 1951, and all the personnel except a guard detail have been dismissed. It is believed that the mine's yield was too poor to warrant further attempts at exploitation.

* [REDACTED] Comment: Kiyev possibly refers to the city of Kiev.

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